

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
 Xiaoding MA, et al.
 Application No.: 10/776,191
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 : Confirmation Number: 2663
 : Group Art Unit: 1773
 : Examiner: Bernatz, Kevin M.

For: DUAL-LAYER CARBON-BASED PROTECTIVE OVERCOATS FOR RECORDING MEDIA BY FILTERED CATHODIC ARC DEPOSITION

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached: Graph (Appendix 1)

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Total Claims | 20 | 20 | 0 | \$50.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | 3 | 1 | \$200.00 = | \$200.00 |
| Multiple dependent claims newly presented | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Fee for extension of time | | | | | \$0.00 |
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| Total of Above Calculations | | | | | \$200.00 |

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$200.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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